Section 144 Cr. P. C. Curfew had to be imposed in Shimoga, Bhadravathi, Shiralakoppa, Shikaripur and Nyamathi Intensive patrolling was done in all these areas and the strength of the armed police in this district was considerably augmented in order to effectively handle the situation. Preventive arrests have been made and action under Section 107 Cr. P.C. has been taken in a large number of cases. The District Magistrate has constituted Peace Committee which have been active in promoting communal harmony. The position in Shimoga during the last three days has been peaceful.

2. When the law and order position in Shimoga had come up for discussion in the Assembly on 2nd February 1981 I had stated that I would be discussing the long term steps for maintaining communal harmony with the Legislators who were interested in this matter. Accordingly I had requested all those Legislators who were interested in the matter to meet me. I held a detailed discussion on the various issues involved with not only the members of the ruling party but also with the members of the opposition on 3-2-1981. In addition to the Ministers from this district, Shri Kagodu Thimmappa and Shri K. Venkatappa the others present were Shri S. R. Bommai, Shri Azeez Sait, Shri J. H. Patel, Shri A. K. Subbaiah, Shri C. M. Armugum, Shri B. B. Sayanak, Shri K. H. Sreenivas, Shri P. Ramdev Shri Qumarul Islam and Shri Diwakar.

3. After full discussions, it was decided that a committee cutting across party lines consisting of Legislators from the Shimoga district and one representative of each political party would visit the affected area for discussion with the local persons who are concerned in the matter. It was also decided that an all party appeal would be issued exhorting all section of the community to maintain communal harmony.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, I beg to lay.—

Notification No. A4 DCB. CR. 32/80-81 dated 22-1-1981

SUSPENSION OF LAND REVENUE IN RESPECT OF THREE VILLAGES IN SHIMOGA TALUK SHIMOGA DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1979-80.

under section 194 (2) of the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.

MR. SPEAKER.—Papers laid.